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1. Only one military train was observed between 26 December 1950 and 12 January 1951. the

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The train, which arrived in Kuestrin-Neustadt at 12:10 p.m. and departed at 1:50 p.m., consisted of eight boxcars with troops en route from Gerdauen (R 55/V 22) to Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). Each boxcar was occupied by about 30 young soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. In addition, a captain, two senior lieutenants and three lieutenants were seen on the train. The train went to Frankfurt/Oder on the Kuestrin-Kietz (O 53/V 66) - Reitwein (O 53/V 65) line, which had been opened to traffic in October 1950. *

2. Normal freight traffic at a rate of three to five trains per day was observed in Kuestrin-Neustadt between 26 December 1950 and 12 January 1951. Freight trains going to border stations of the U.S.S.R. were predominantly loaded with potash, briquettes and sugar. Freight traffic with Poland included timber and prefabricated houses going to Poland, and grain, fish and canned fish coming from Poland.

- * Comment. The train is believed to have either carried replacements who arrived behind schedule or specialists to be assigned to units in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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